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FROM

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ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow such accounts as may be presented against the town, and raise money to pay the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to free high school, and what sums of money the town will raise for the same.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the suitable observance of Memorial Day agreeable to an application.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise to provide school books for the use of the pupils in the public schools.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to allow D. F. Merritt to draw his portion of school money for the year 1891, from District No. 14, and allow him to pay the same to District No. 1, with the right to send his scholars to said District No. 1, during the year 1891.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise $15.00 for the support of a meeting at Little Falls for the benefit of town farm inmates agreeable to an application.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise sufficient money to paint the fence at the upper burying ground at White Rock, agreeable to an application.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to allow Charles H. Osborn to draw his portion of school money for the year 1891 from District No. 2, and allow him to pay the same to District No. 1, with the right to send his scholars to said District No. 1 during the year 1891, agreeable to an application.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to set off Geo. W. Robinson and his estate from school district No. 3 and annex the same to school district No. 1.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to accept the road

leading from main road to Geo. Carlls buildings as a town way.

ART 21. To see if the town will vote to accept a donation from Mrs. Ruth H. Baker of Portland, of the sum of fifty dollars for insuring proper care and attention to her burial lot in the cemetery near Gorham village, and the monuments thereon, according to the terms of a communication from her giving said sum to the town for said purpose. Also to see if the town will vote to accept a donation from the estate of Miss Caroline E. Hambury, of Westbrook, of the sum of fifty dollars for insuring proper care and attention to her burial lot in the cemetery near Gorham village, and the monuments thereon, according to the terms of her will.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation, the public building at North Gorham, for a term not exceeding ten years.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to transfer the amount due school district No. 5, in the Free High School account to the common school account of said district.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to allow the claim of Geo. Skillings for damages received Feb. 11, 1890, claimed to be caused by the bad condition of the road.

ART. 25. To see if the town will accept the devise made to it by the late Mrs. M. C. Parkhurst, of certain real estate described in her will, and to pass any vote or votes in regard to the same that may be necessary or proper.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the lists of voters, at the Selectmen's office, in Gorham, at two o'clock in the afternoon, on Saturday the twenty-eighth day of February, 1891.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February, 1891.

F. D. SCAMMAN,
CHARLES E. JORDAN,
E. H. F. SMITH,
} *Selectmen of Gorham.*

Selectmen's Report.

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED. 1890.

For State Tax,	$ 3,154 24
County Tax,	1,492 70
Support of Poor,	1,200 00
" " Roads,	4,000 00
" " Bridges,	800 00
" " Contingent,	500 00
" " Common Schools,	3,500 00
Free text books,	500 00
Interest on Huston Fund,	228 58
Stephen Hinkley, Treasurer,	60 00
J. C. Summerside, Town Clerk,	43 90
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor,	
F. D. Scamman,	192 00
Geo. P. Plaisted,	178 50
William Buxton,	146 00
F. A. Redlon, Auditor,	10 00
W. C. Clement, Constable,	25 00
W. L. Twombly, damage,	15 00
School Committee, H. A. McKenney,	50 00
" " Geo. R. Spinney,	50 00
" " H. C. Palmer,	50 00
W. S. Libby, labor on roads,	19 45
A. L. Hamblen, Pound,	5 00
Howard Sweet, truant officer,	15 00

Memorial Services,	40 00
Free High School,	1,000 00
Little Falls Church,	15 00
Fort Hill Cemetery fence,	40 00
G. D. Weeks, reward,	50 00
Normal School debt,	1,000 00
Interest on same,	275 00
Collectors fees estimated,	400 00
Overlay,	350 61
	$19,405 98

Resident Valuation Real Estate,	$833,832 00
Non-Resident Valuation Real Estate,	182,285 00
" " Personal,	6,146 00
Resident, Personal,	212,736 00
	$1,234,999 00

Rate of Taxation $1.40 per $100	
Tax on Valuation of 1,234,999	17,289 98
708 Polls at $2.00,	1,416 00
Portland Water Co., Special tax,	700 00
	19,405 98
Supplementary Property tax,	16 10
10 Polls at $2,	20 00
Total amt. committed to Collector,	19,442 08

ORDERS DRAWN FOR MONEY VOTED.

F. D. Scammon, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	$192 00
Geo. P. Plaisted, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	178 50
William Buxton, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	146 00

Geo. R. Spinney, S. S. Committee,	50 00
H. A. McKinney, " "	50 00
H. C. Palmer, " "	50 00
Stephen Hinkley, Town Treasurer,	60 00
J. C. Summersides, Town Clerk,	43 90
F. A. Ridlon, Auditor,	10 00
W. C. Clement, Constable,	25 00
Howard F. Swett, Truant Officer,	15 00
G. D. Weeks, reward,	50 00
W. S. Libby, road work,	19 45
W. M. Twombley, damage,	15 00
A. L. Hamblen, Pound,	5 00
John R. Adams Post,	40 00
Little Falls Church,	15 00
R. G. Harding & Co., repairs on town building,	8 41
S. A. Roberts, fencing Fort Hill Cemetery,	24 50
Trustee Huston Fund,	228 58

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Watering places,		
W. H. Lombard, Jr.,		$ 3 00
Portland Water Co.,		150 00
Asa Libby,	'89–'90,	6 00
R. O. Bacon,		3 00
A. J. Stackpole,		3 00
S. L. Libby,		3 00
D. P. Parker,		3 00
C. G. Alden,		4 00
Crossing lands,		
Emma S. Waterhouse,	'89	6 00
C. F. Mabery,,	'89–90,	6 00
Leonard Newcomb, heirs of		2 00
O. K. Cobb,	'89–90,	10 00
Alfred Libby,		3 00
J. F. Libby,		2 00
A. K. P. Libby,		8 00

Sewell Webb,	'89–'90,	6 00
R. M. Bangs,		2 00
Health Officers,		
Caleb G. Carver,	'89,	15 00
A. W. Lincoln,	'88–'89,	38 00
Geo. W. Heath,	2 years,	25 00
L. E. Redlon, labor at town house,		1 50
Charles F. Merrill, surveying,		2 00
F. L. Perry, printing reports,		52 25
L. E. Redlon, labor at town house,		1 25
Brown Bros., care of cemetery, etc.,		9 47
Levi Estes, labor and lumber at William's Hill cemetery,		3 50
J. H. Irish & Co., books and stationery,		24 13
Enoch Mabery, repairs on road machine,		3 65
F. L. Perry, printing,		4 65
F. D. Scammon, time and expenses to Augusta,		7 10
Geo. R. Spinney, repairs on road machine, etc.,		2 12
H. R. Millett, box rent and postage,		7 46
P. &. R. Railroad, freight,		75
W. C. Clement, tax deeds,		5 66
Stephen Hinkley, expenses to Augusta,		6 50
P. & R. Railroad, tile,		26 60
Stevens & Jones, order book,		6 00
G. M. Donham, Maine Register,		1 25
E. H. F. Smith, carting drain pipe,		2 50
Casco Carbonized & Cement Pipe Co., tile,		18 00
P. & R. Railroad, freight on tile,		2 88
H. R. Millett, insurance town farm buildings,		30 00
G. M. Parker, police July 4th,		2 50
Stephen P. Libby, police July 4th and 5th.		5 00
F. L. Perry, printing tax receipts and bills,		5 00
H. G. Files, police July 4th,		2 50
Town of Scarboro, surveying town lines,		2 00
R. G. Harding & Co., sundries,		9 86
F. A. Rounds, painting guide-boards,		2 00
L. E. Redlon, sawing wood,		60

J. D. Spinney, repairs on road machine,	2 05
W. C. Clement, police county fair,	4 50
W. C. Clement, tax deed,	50
A. K. P. Libby, police county fair,	4 50
Stephen P. Libby, night police,	3 00
G. M. Parker, night police,	2 00
Henry Mabery, labor on cemetery,	2 21
Manuel Thomas, " " "	1 76
Wm. C. Webster, " " "	1 76
Charles Mitchell, repairing on road machine,	8 85
Alfred Libby, crossing land,	3 00
F. D. Scamman, recording deeds,	1 00
Brown Brothers, cemetery repairs, etc.,	5 65
Theodore Shackford, guide boards,	1 00
	$588 46

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

A. & L. Lombard,	$ 3 00	T. Sayward,	11 17
Howard W. Libby,	3 75	Henry L. Carle,	12 50
Matthew Johnson,	6 50	Ephraim Libby,	4 67
G. M. Stanwood & Co.,	38 75	B. I. Libby,	6 80
P. & R. R. Road,	44	B. F. Irish,	6 80
C. E. Jordan,	6 25	Harvey J. Allen,	6 40
E. H. F. Smith,	7 00	S. B. Knight,	180 50
Walter Skillings,	3 12	Byron Hamblen,	12 00
W. H. Lombard, Jr.,	1 50	Geo. S. Morse,	1 75
Geo. W. Lowell,	6 25	S. M. Manchester,	60 00
B. I. Libby,	3 37	Roswell Ward,	17 00
Josiah Harding,	5 25	Alpheus Boothby,	5 05
E. H. F. Smith,	1 50	Charles E. Dudley,	5 25
T. Sayward,	42 57	A. L. Hamblen,	35 59
F. D. Scamman,	13 50	Lewis L. Files,	14 70
C. E. Jordan,	2 50	W. B. Kemp, Jr.,	1 50
W. H. Lombard, Jr.,	8 25	Freedom Douglass,	5 92
Charles Johnson,	23 10	Lewis Douglass,	3 77
R. G. Harding & Co.,	1 00	Sumner Cotton,	2 40

E. S. Cotton,	3 60	S. A. Roberts,	3 00
G. H. Douglass,	6 52	J. N. Newcomb,	25 62
Charles Guptill,	5 60	Geo. A. Allen,	43 50
B. F. Irish,	10 60	A. K. P. Libby,	26 86
C. A. Brackett,	9 85	Wm. H. Mclellan,	2 40
A. M. Allen,	3 75	R. A. Fogg,	2 35
Milton Shaw,	10 78	M. C. Burnell,	1 20
Milton Shaw,	21 22	Wm. E. Strout,	45
Goff Plummer & Co.,	146 13	Lewis Lombard,	6 45
W. L. Larrabee,	75	Mathew Johnson,	38 48
Richard Willis,	4 00	Henry Mayberry,	10 41
W. W. Davis,	10 00	John Mills,	12 00
W. G. Purinton,	8 10	Shaw & Parker,	6 93
Frank H. Brown,	3 00	B. B. Whitney,	2 25
Gustavus Plummer,	6 00	Melville Johnson,	4 60
C. F. Morton,	5 70	Charles E. Wescott,	1 50
Wm. M. Bolton,	2 93	E. F. Manchester,	10 00
John A. Lord,	4 86	W. C. Webster,	3 34
Edmond Green,	3 75	E. M. Wilson.	17 87
Seward G. Wescott,	2 25	Geo. E. Crockett,	1 50
Freeman Paine,	3 30		
Sewell Webb,	1 50		$1,066 27

ORDERS DRAWN FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Ginn & Co.,	$ 16 67
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	21 29
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	8 91
Wm. Ware & Co.,	32 10
Henry Holt & Co.,	13 72
Leach, Shewell & Sanbourn,	72 17
D. C. Heath & Co.	16 67
Ginn & Co.	15 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	14 00
Effingham, Maynard & Co.,	26 50
Lippincott Co.,	105 00
R. G. Harding & Co.,	9 05
E. H. Butler & Co.,	169 05
American Book Co.,	94 86
Effingham, Maynard & Co.,	8 70
	$623 79

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF ROADS.

Stephen Hinkley & Co.,	$10 52	E. M. Bodge,	9 00
Albert M. Hamblen,	4 20	John Mills,	3 75
Daniel Libby,	3 15	John Mills, Jr.,	11 40
A. & L. Lombard,	7 35	E. P. M. Bragdon,	3 00
E. A. Soule,	5 00	Daniel F. Libby,	9 00
D. W. Davis,	6 24	Joseph Custance,	14 00
E. Y. Faulkner,	3 00	A. S. Shurtleff,	30 20
D. W. Davis,	13 29	David F. Files,	2 00
Ezra Thomes,	10 50	A. B. Douglass,	1 25
Ezra Thomes,	11 45	J. G. Clement,	2 61
B. F. Irish,	2 36	Geo. W. Crockett,	3 66
Wm. E. Strout,	3 65	Lewis L. Files,	5 93
Samuel Fenderson,	6 15	O. C. Watson,	2 37
Charles Elliot,	2 10	W. C. Clement,	1 30
Levi Estes,	4 00	William Bolton,	2 15
Frederic Purinton,	4 80	Seward Wescott,	3 35
Melville Johnson,	6 50	John A. Lord,	3 28
H. H. Libby,	14 00	Charles F. Morton,	5 81
E. H. F. Smith,	1 75	Sewall Webb,	2 30
Amos Cobb,	9 00	Freeman Paine,	1 70
Fred Wescott,	6 97	Mrs. Winslow,	1 70
Oswell Charles,	38 62	J. E. Libby,	2 30
A. M. Allen,	5 75	George Carle,	70
B. S. Benson,	13 20	H. A. Hoyt,	45
A. S. Stone,	2 25	Asa Burnham,	83
S. B. Anderson,	5 00	Geo. B. Gustin,	45
N. E. Warren,	90	James F. Tapley,	30
Frank Ward,	45	Samuel Graffam,	15 00
Roswell Ward,	1 44	Geo. P. Plaisted,	7 50
Eben F. Manchester,	8 70	S. L. Libby,	7 50
Fred S. Plaisted,	45	R. M. Bangs,	60
William C. Fogg,	10 76	A. M. Hamblen,	1 20
Ephriam Libby,	2 25	H. L. Batchelder,	52
Charles E. Wescott,	10 87	Howard Cotton,	75
George F. Sawyer,	21 06	A. C. Hanson,	1 27
H. H. Libby,	9 00	J. L. Elwell,	3 25
Joseph F. Fogg,	6 25	E. M. Wilson,	7 50
William C. Fogg,	8 10	S. B. Brown,	2 48
Sumner Jordan,	8 85	T. J. Brackett,	1 23
A. N. Purinton,	19 95	A. L. Files,	23
Freeman Hicks,	16 00	P. Y. Parker,	60

C. E. Jordan.	2 10	H. W. Wescott,	2 93
Geo. C. Jordan.	90	R. F. Shackford,	3 00
F. A. Files,	3 60	J. W. Libby,	50
E. E. Files,	1 80	Reuben Wescott, 2d,	50
E. E. Files,	1 45	Charles Mitchell,	250 00
F. A. Files,	2 05	E. Y. Falkner,	15 00
Geo. C. Jordan,	60	David Patrick,	1 00
P. Y. Parker,	75	W. S. Libby,	8 50
R. O. Bacon,	30	C. S. Purinton,	7 10
T. J. Brackett,	1 23	A. F. Kemp,	75
A. L. Files,	30	William B. Libby,	72
S. B. Brown,	1 13	A. V. Whitney,	1 57
F. & D. H. Baker,	7 50	Daniel Getchell,	2 85
Daniel Palmer,	11 63	William F. Skillings.	45
M. H. Moses.	3 08	S. B. Sawyer,	2 70
Henry Maybery,	1 95	B. L. Harmon,	7 12
C. W. Shaw,	75	B. G. Cobourn,	7 30
H. G. Parker,	75	Arthur Richardson,	75
W. C. Webster,	75	A. M. Hamblen,	75
John Peachey,	45	Tolman and Abner Lowell,	2 40
G. H. Moses,	1 88	Howard Cloudman,	4 50
Frank Webster,	15	Geo. W. Heath,	97
Enoch Maybery,	18 01	John Hawkes,	7 36
Oswell, Charles,	2 70	Fred Davis,	45
Wm. Mason,	2 70	J. J. Grant,	5 45
Roswell, Ward,	2 10	Eugene H. Cloudman,	3 00
Lucretia Maybery,	1 55	Daniel Brown,	2 70
Lewis Douglass,	95	William Walker,	75
J. W. Files,	1 40	Benjamin Maybery,	3 00
Geo. E. Files	60	A. L. Folsome,	5 00
J. L. Higgins,	1 05	A. L. Maybery,	15 47
Isaiah Cobb,	45	A. K. P. Libby,	85
Elmer S. Cotton,	45	P. I. Libby,	1 07
Mark Newcomb,	60	J. F. Libby,	50
Charles Newcomb,	15	William Wescott,	65
Frank Allen,	2 58	J. N. Newcomb,	8 03
H. J. Allen,	3 51	A. W. Newcomb,	2 17
I. H. Kemp,	2 10	S. C. Hoyt,	3 14
Charles E. Babb,	2 47	J. L Haynes,	1 05
B. I. Libby,	5 75	William Dudley,	2 35
Ephraim Libby,	2 70	Oswell Charles,	4 20
N. E. Warren,	3 45	E. F. Manchester,	4 90
Joseph R. Hanson,	3 93	M. T. Files,	4 05
H. H. Libby,	4 20	W. E. Pierson,	1 50
G. H. Files,	2 41	D. D. Plummer,	75
Amos Cobb,	60	E. P. M. Bragdon,	2 25

E. M. Bodge,	2 25	C. W. Graffam,	7 50
Freeman Hicks,	4 55	E. Y. Faulkner,	10 04
James Gray,	8 49	Geo. W. Davis,	2 40
M. F. Parker,	3 90	M. C. Sturgis,	5 62
W. S. Purinton,	18 30	B. I. Libby,	27 15
H. W. Murch,	5 50	Charles Bradbury,	75
W. G. Purinton,	3 50	L. H. Lowell,	30 57
Horace Cressey,	44	L. H. Lowell,	4 10
Edward Files,	1 65	Fred Fenderson,	1 50
Wm. Metcalf,	1 08	Ephraim Libby,	15 15
Charles W. Graffam,	6 50	Benj. Maberry,	1 80
Charles Rollins,	3 50	Samuel Ridgeway,	5 25
Josiah Harding,	9 00	J. C. Wallace,	3 15
Wm. McDonough,	17 25	C. W. Graffam,	7 05
W. H. Lombard, Jr.	6 75	Josiah Harding,	1 50
J. D. Roberts,	33 57	E. H. F. Smith,	17 50
Fred McLellen,	2 25	R. G. Harding & Co.,	9 72
E. O. Waterman,	3 75	Josiah Harding,	3 00
Howard Swett,	1 50	C. E. Ward,	12 25
Thomas Tandburg,	20 00	Alpheus Boothby,	32 50
F. P. Johnson,	25 00	Henry D. Libby,	9 75
T. B. Edwards,	7 50	H. L. Carle,	1 45
W. H. Lombard, Jr.	12 75	J. E. Meserve,	7 55
T. B. Brown,	75 40	C. I. McLellen,	3 15
M. C. Sturges,	19 40	D. D. Trumball,	2 10
W. H. Mitchell,	3 50	A. N. Purinton,	3 00
W. H. Lombard, Jr.,	7 50	Caleb H. Murch,	2 43
E. H. F. Smith,	2 85	L. C. & C. Grouard,	13 15
Gilbert M. Soule,	9 50	Samuel Cressey,	12 40
Harry Twombly,	3 00	J. Talbott,	6 80
J. W. Libby,	6 50	Henry Stanwood,	1 20
Reuben S. Meserve,	2 00	F. D. Scamman,	75
Phebe Tripp,	1 75	Almon Hanscomb,	5 60
John Getchell,	50	Earnest Hanscomb,	3 45
J. Talbot,	1 50	Frank Morrison,	2 00
Henry Stanwood,	45	Wm. E. Thomas,	50
F. D. Scamman,	81	B. F. Irish,	75
H. S. Cressey,	2 10	S. B. Sawyer,	4 05
L. C. & C. Grouard,	90	Alston Whitney,	3 15
C. E. Babb,	12 75	W. B. Libby,	1 50
Orin Wescott,	1 45	Wm. Skillings,	2 70
John W. Libby,	90	D. P. Getchell,	11 75
M. F. Libby,	1 00	Daniel Johnson,	3 50
Reuben Wescott,	1 38	M. C. R. R. Co.,	1 39
D. F. Merritt,	6 68	A. L. Hamblen,	10 00
Geo. L. Day,	83	A. L. Hamblen,	17 75

Thomas Tandburg,	6 75	Daniel Johnson,	10 25
Thomas Tandburg,	18 00	Charles Chaplain,	6 50
F. P. Johnson,	40 00	Edward Libby,	6 25
F. W. Merrill,	15 00	Frank Whitney,	7 00
Ezra Richardson,	1 50	Stephen T. Smith,	1 50
M. C. Johnson,	14 00	Geo. Libby,	2 25
Wilson Twombley,	2 85	John Libby,	2 75
W. H. Lombard Jr.,	11 25	A. F. Kemp,	15 68
J. W. Libby,	27 50	C. S. Purinton,	10 75
Robert B. Meserve,	11 25	Frank N. Maberry,	1 00
J. A. Libby,	5 50	Goff, Plummer & Co.,	59 10
F. H. Deering,	4 55	A. S. Hutchinson,	4 35
A. W. Rowe,	20 70	James Warren,	5 43
W. W. Davis,	4 24	Murch Bros.	15 65
W. G. Purinton,	22	Lucus S. Goff,	2 25
S. B. Brown,	18 75	C. H. Brackett,	20 50
A. S. Shurtliff,	16 65	Richard Willis,	12 75
Oswell Charles,	2 47	W. L. Larrabee,	10 50
B. S. Benson,	2 43	Tyng W. Libby,	10 50
John Mills,	8 68	Richard Libby,	4 50
Charles E. Wescott,	13 65	Albion K. Plummer,	2 70
John Mills, Jr.,	11 22	William Walker,	3 00
Charles Rollins,	5 00	Geo. Carle,	20 70
John E. Manning,	17 83	Edmond Green,	10 60
Alpheus Boothby,	15 00	O. I. Leavitt,	1 20
W. P. F. Robie,	22 25	Frank N. Mayberry,	21 25
Sewell Cloudman,	6 00	Charles S. Purinton,	3 50
F. P. Johnson,	3 25	J. A. Lord,	8 40
C. H. Lowell,	19 50	W. M. Bolton,	6 75
Wm. McDonough,	3 00	Frank Winship,	5 55
H. B. Johnson,	31 35	C. F. Morton,	19 85
Charles Hanson,	42 50	Freeman Paine,	6 15
W. I. Bickford,	7 00	S. G. Wescott,	12 25
G. I. Bickford,	7 50	Sewell Webb,	11 35
Stephen Hinkley & Co.,	6 76	J. E. Libby,	3 50
Joseph Ridlon & Son,	36 98	Thomas Lubec,	2 25
W. B. Freeman,	12 25	Mrs. E. Wescott.	6 15
Thomas Tandburg,	75	Charles J. Libby,	4 00
Charles W. Graffam,	9 00	W. F. Pillsbury,	4 35
Joseph S. Smith,	75	J. G. Larrabee,	4 31
Robert Weeks,	75	B. I. Libby,	10 80
Randall Weeks,	2 25	Frank H. Allen,	16 55
John Billings,	75	H. J. Allen,	13 55
Cyrus Abbott,	9 60	Ephraim Libby,	6 00
Brown Brothers,	4 95	N. E. Warren,	11 70
C. H. Cressey,	1 50	I. H. Kemp,	8 50

C. E. Babb,	3 25
J. E. Warren,	2 70
Geo. P. Stokes,	3 75
Amos Cobb,	3 00
Albert Cressey,	20 13
F. H. Johnson,	4 25
Mrs. Sarah Hamblen,	15 75
Frank Ward,	1 10
E. F. Manchester,	5 12
Roswell Ward,	6 75
Frederic Plaisted,	4 10
W. C. Fogg,	6 00
George Turner,	1 08
Oswell Charles,	25 46
John Hawks,	20 37
W. C. Fogg,	1 38
Charles E. Wescott,	3 00
S. R. Jordan,	1 50
Charles Kimball,	13 62
Daniel W. Davis,	7 55
H. C. Palmer,	18 38
Moses Fogg,	13 20
B. L. Harmon,	6 88
Lewis Johnson,	7 75
L. T. Thomes,	12 20
Melville Johnson,	10 20
C. H. Johnson,	4 60
S. A. Roberts,	6 54
W. B. Freeman,	5 25
E. A. Roberts,	14 58
H. H. Libby,	9 75
W. W. Davis,	1 50
W. F. Libby,	2 00
J. R. Hanson,	4 40
S. R. Jordan,	2 40
R. F. Shackford,	1 68
Henry Wescott,	8 42
Amos Cobb,	1 80
Geo. H. Files,	11 05
W. H. Martin,	16 30
R. M. Bangs,	5 53
H. L. Bachelder,	11 50
A. L. Hamblen,	8 00
H. M. Parsons,	4 36
Howard Cotton,	7 62
J. L. Elwell,	18 10

A. C. Hanson,	45
Freedom Douglass,	7 75
Lewis Douglass,	6 35
E. S. Cotton,	30
Charles Guptill,	5 88
E. K. Douglass,	98
J. L. Higgins,	11 65
T. J. Brackett,	3 20
I. H. Cobb,	7 93
J. W. Files,	2 35
Geo. E. Files,	5 00
Edmond Flood,	7 56
Charles Newcomb,	2 25
Mark Newcomb,	1 20
Geo. T. Blake,	2 27
S. L. Libby,	6 37
Geo. W. Crockett,	14 50
J. G. Clement,	6 90
L. L. Files,	6 30
A. B. Douglass,	6 20
W. C. Clement,	1 75
Seth Douglass,	1 95
B. A. Watson,	1 35
D. F. Files,	3 10
D. F. Rolf,	1 20
C. A. Brackett,	2 25
A. M. Allen,	6 00
Geo. A. Allen,	27 70
Albert Riggs,	4 50
Manuel Thomas,	6 15
W. C. Webster,	3 42
Frank E. Webster,	1 92
Enoch Mayberry,	12 80
Henry Maberry,	20 85
Alfred Libby,	1 65
Oswell Charles,	1 50
Frank Ward,	1 75
N. E. Warren,	1 35
Fertinand Lamb,	90
G. H. Moses,	23
Geo. A. Allen,	4 50
S. B. & E. T. Cloudman,	16 50
Asa Libby,	8 40
Isaac Gilkey,	6 00
S. B. & E. T. Cloudman,	22 95
C. O. Hawks,	7 25

J. W. Jordan,	13 00
H. N. Jordan, heirs of	14 05
James Kye,	2 75
J. J. Grant,	10 15
Geo. Heath,	10 22
J. G. Bodge,	10 52
W. H. McLellan,	7 00
W. S. Libby,	16 65
Benj. Maberry,	7 10
Harry Davis,	45
Daniel Brown,	3 45
George Hamblen,	5 90
Augustus Hawks,	3 00
P. W. Patridge,	1 50
Daniel Libby,	4 50
Peter Smith,	75
Dana A. Brackett,	6 00
Horace Cloudman,	75
Charles Plummer,	25
Clarence Ward,	1 20
A. L. Maberry,	22 64
A. N. Purinton,	15 25
Caleb H. Murch,	5 95
D. D. Trumball,	3 50
W. G. Purinton,	1 50
D. F. Merritt,	24 94
John Hanscomb,	1 68
Burton,	1 87
George Burnell,	15
H. W. Murch,	16 63
Otis Purinton,	9 74
James Gray,	11 63
Freeman Hicks,	9 80
M. F. Parker,	17 28
Joseph Custance,	3 00
E. M. Bodge,	4 05
M. T. Files,	5 25
D. F. Libby,	1 50
E. P. M. Bragdon,	2 10
D. D. Plummer,	1 50
W. W. Cressey,	66 61
Mattie E. Cressey,	43 13
Guy R. Cressey,	14 60
James Webster,	4 23
A. L. Hamblen,	5 25
J. N. Newcomb,	10 51

W. F. Dudley,	5 00
J. L. Hayns,	2 98
Benj. Irish,	4 00
P. I. Libby,	5 80
S. C. Hoyt,	6 32
A. W. Newcomb,	2 37
Wm. Wescott,	4 17
C. M. Libby,	2 67
A. K. P. Libby,	5 93
J. F. Libby,	1 65
Frederic Purinton,	5 25
Daniel Wescott,	2 25
B. F. Irish,	4 05
W. B. Kemp, Jr.,	3 50
C. I. McLellan,	20 61
J. E. Meserve,	14 65
Frank Baker,	7 00
John Baker,	3 97
W. W. Davis,	17 09
W. G. Puriuton,	11 21
Frank H. Brown,	8 15
E. A. Strout,	90
Gustavus Plummer,	5 42
Mark Mosher,	46 10
Wm. Bartlett,	27 80
David Duran,	13 15
J. W. Jordan,	3 25
A. L. Hamblen,	41 78
L. C. & E. A. Roberts,	17 15
M. C. Kimball & Son,	17 05
I. W. Dyer,	7 25
Geo. Skillings,	24 05
C. H. Watson,	18 88
Walter Skillings,	4 65
Abial Rounds,	10 50
Frank Skillings,	7 35
Fred O. Sturgis,	14 97
Geo. Watson, heirs of	4 35
H. N. Sweetser,	36 80
Geo. Alden,	10 30
Daniel C. Libby,	7 50
Rufus Mosher, heirs of	3 50
J. J. G. Hannaford,	4 25
D. H. McKenney,	5 00
H. A. McKenney,	1 50
A. F. Richardson,	7 00

F. H. Richardson,	39 70
C. W. Deering,	20 40
Benj. Milliken,	2 00
J. E. Finney,	2 55
John Getchell,	6 55
C. E. Jordan,	2 55
P. Y. Parker,	5 32
R. O. Bacon,	52
E. A. Files,	5 62
E. E. Files,	12 38
F. A. Files.	23 02
C. E. Jordan,	12 99
H. T. Root,	3 51
G. C. Jordan,	2 70
S. B. Brown,	5 97
Daniel Palmer,	11 09
E. E. Files,	5 75
Charles D. Elliott,	3 75
S. B. Brown,	3 45
E. A. Files,	1 80
F. A. Files,	5 00
Daniel P. Getchell,	14 35
Wm. Skillings,	4 50
W. B. Libby,	1 44
S. B. Sawyer,	1 20
Henry Mayberry,	1 50
F. P. Glidden,	7 14
Albert Hamblen,	5 94
J. B. Hopkinson,	3 61
J. L. Johnson,	51 00
S. B. Anderson,	8 05
A. L. Stone,	4 80
C. H. Osborne,	8 09
J. J. Osborne,	4 35
Charles Johnson,	30 15
Matthew Johnson,	16 00
F. C. Phinney,	4 00
W. H. Johnson,	9 00
J. G. Meserve,	8 89
Henry D. Libby,	2 62
C. H. Libby,	3 75
Augustus Babb,	1 50
James Guptill,	7 00
John Reioux,	4 25
A. N. Waterhouse,	26 90
Levi Estes,	11 55

Frank W. Waterhouse,	2 00
W. H. Lombard, Jr.,	4 50
Simeon Cushman,	8 40
E. Y. Faulkner,	19 05
R. A. Fogg,	21 32
M. C. Burnell,	24 67
W. E. Strout,	15 71
Lewis Lombard,	8 93
C. I. McLellan,	7 00
Reuben Deering,	7 00
J. W. Sanbourn,	22 33
Charles Moulton,	6 55
J. O. Knight,	3 81
S. B. Knight,	2 40
Asa Burnham,	13 50
Charles Meserve,	3 70
J. F. Tapley,	6 90
Reuben Deering,	13 95
H. Tapley,	1 80
James Deering,	12 85
Samuel Graffam,	2 55
Joseph Harmon,	1 35
G. B. Gustin,	16 85
Abram Bickford,	75
J. L. Dunn,	75
David Urkhart,	75
Lewis J. Libby,	35
W. H. Lombard, Jr.,	1 82
F. C. Harding,	14 47
D. B. Holt,	12 43
M. Mogan,	5 10
H. D. Libby,	5 50
H. R. Colesworthy,	80
W. H. Lombard, Jr.,	5 25
Moses Fogg,	1 30
W. H. Lombard,	3 50
W H. Lombard,	9 89
Samuel Ridgeway,	8 22
D. B. Holt,	6 40
F. C. Harding,	11 87
L. E. Ridlon,	1 25
Stephen Hinkley & Co.,	38 40
C. W. Graffam,	13 95
D. F. Merritt,	7 21
Moses Burton,	4 12
Melville Johnson,	1 73

E. H. F. Smith,	10 50
Wm. McDonough,	1 50
F. O. Sturgis,	7 00
Geo. Skillings,	4 75
Geo. E. Skillings,	4 35
Walter Skillings,	15
Frank Skillings,	1 80
Geo. Watson,	1 80
W. H. McLellan,	3 92
Geo. P. Plaisted,	10 46
S. L. Libby,	5 68
Geo. T. Blake,	5 80
Humphery Newcomb,	75
Truemen Hartford,	2 85
C. I. McLellan,	2 50
Orin Wescott,	22 45
John W. Libby,	8 95
Reuben Wescott,	19 58
W. F. Libby,	14 20
Geo. W. Crockett,	16 12
J. G. Clement,	10 08
A. B. Douglass,	8 41
D. F. Files,	16 15
L. L. Files,	11 06
O. C. Watson,	8 11
W. C. Clement,	9 89
G. R. Spinney,	1 05
W. H. Frazer,	90
D. F. Rolf,	3 44
Daniel Palmer,	4 42
E. M. Wilson,	11 90
	$5,235 07

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

A. W. Lincoln, professional services for Dan'l Libby,	$60 00
Emma L. Libby, care of Daniel Libby,	2 50
Louise Newcomb, care of Daniel Libby,	2 00
R. G. Harding & Co., supplies furnished L. E. Ridlon,	10 00
Maine Insane Hospital, board of Ruth Whittier,	26 43
J. C. Summersides, supplies furnished Daniel Libby,	82 00
A. W. Lincoln, professional services for Dan'l Libby,	25 00
Palmer & Manning, supplies for Daniel Libby,	3 84
O'Neil W. R. Straw, professional services for N. Lane,	3 00
Insane Hospital account of Ruth Whittier,	38 00
J. C. Card estate, house rent for Mrs. Todd,	13 00
J. C. Summersides, supplies for Daniel Libby,	6 72
J. C. Summersides, supplies for N. Lane,	28 00
O'Neil W. R. Straw, professional services for N. Lane,	10 50
B. F. Marshall, professional services for Thos. Lubee,	73 10
Daniel Douglass, house rent for L. E. Ridlon,	25 00
Geo. B. Emery, house rent for Daniel Libby,	27 00
F. W. Harding, supplies for Daniel Libby,	3 14
O'Neil W. R. Straw, professional services for N. Lane,	3 00
J. C. Summersides, supplies for N. Lane,	50 50
Ida Miller, care of Mrs. Morton,	15 00
H. R. Colesworthy, supplies for Mrs. Skillings,	5 01
H. R. Colesworthy, supplies for Mrs. Morton,	14 87
Milton Shaw, supplies for Daniel Libby,	28 25
F. A. Files, supplies for E. Morton,	4 00
C. L. Randall, professional services for E. Morton,	26 00
	$584 86

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO TOWN OF GORHAM.

A. W. Lincoln, professional services for Moody family,	$ 20 00
R. G. Harding & Co., supplies furnished Emma Libby,	23 37
James H. Darby, Supt. Town Farm,	500 00
" " " medicine for Town Farm,	6 75
Brown Bros., coffin for Daniel Skillings,	14 00
Maine Insane Hospital, act. of Mrs. Bacon,	45 10
City of Portland, aid furnished Geo. Brown,	7 00
O'Neil W. R. Straw, pro. services for L. Moody,	1 85
" " " " Emma Libby,	28 50
" " " " Daniel Carle,	35 00
" " " " Mrs. B. Randall,	12 00
" " " " Mrs. C. Haggett,	36 00
Cyrus Abbott, supplies for " " "	17 60
R. G. Harding & Co., supplies for J. S. Thomas,	48 23
Insane Hospital, acct. of Mrs. Bacon,	46 00
J. C. Summersides, supplies for L. Moody,	42 00
" " " D. Carle,	43 00
O'Neil W. R. Straw, pro. services for Mrs. Haggett,	9 50
A. W. Lincoln, " " " James Perkins,	40 00
James H. Darby, expenses to Harrison for Geo. Brown,	5 95
Town of Harrison, aid for Geo. Brown,	16 00
S. B. Guthrie, boots for Moody boy,	2 00
B. F. Marshall, pro. services at Town Farm,	8 50
Insane Hospital, acct. of Mrs. Bacon,	46 00
F. H. Emery, supplies for Mrs. Carle,	3 00
R. G. Harding & Co., supplies for Emma Libby,	6 92
" " " " J. S. Thomas,	17 02
O'Neil W. R. Straw, pro. services for Emma Libby,	7 50
" " " " " " L. Moody,	4 00
" " " " " " Mrs. Haggett,	19 50
" " " " " " Daniel Carle,	10 50
J. C. Summersides, supplies " " "	73 50
" " " " L. Moody,	43 00
Dolloff & Marean, " " James Perkins,	18 33

O'Neil W. R. Straw, pro. services for Mrs. Randall,	25 00
H. R. Colesworthy, supplies for James Perkins,	9 60
Insane Hospital, acct. of Mrs. Bacon,	34 60
Town of Cape Elizabeth, aid to H. L. Tapley,	42 18
Milton Shaw, supplies for J. S. Thomas,	10 20
" " " " Daniel Carle,	3 38
Town of Raymond, board of Mary L. Thurlow,	78 00
C. L. Randall, pro. services for Perkins family,	66 25
James H. Darby, medicine for Town Farm,	4 75
	$1,432 58

From this should be deducted.

Received from Westbrook,	$52 00	
" " J. H. Darby,	125 48	
		$177 48
Actual cost for support of poor,		$1,255 10

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 19, 1891.

1 horse,	$200 00
1 pair of oxen,	130 00
8 cows,	240 00
2 calves,	15 00
3 swine,	36 00
13 hens,	6 50
Value farming tools,	299 27
Value household goods, provisions, produce, etc.,	390 90
	$1,517 67

Average number of inmates on the Town Farm during the year, five. The affairs of the Town Farm have been managed in the usual acceptable manner, and the inmates have been well cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Darby. The cost of carrying on the farm and supporting the family have been met by the income of the farm, with a balance of $125.48 paid to the treasurer.

We should have been glad to have retained Mr. and Mrs. Darby another year, but were unable to do so.

The amount of abatements for the year is $150.02.

The amount drawn on the Huston fund is $198.40.

F. D. Scamman,
Charles E. Jordan,
E. H. F. Smith.
} *Selectmen of Gorham.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN FARM.

Dr.

Received for 952 lbs. butter,	$248 19	
Eggs,	9 33	
Hay,	107 71	
Straw,	13 65	
Potatoes,	103 90	
Pork,	35 30	
Sweet Corn,	69 66	
Oats,	15 30	
Beans,	2 50	
Hemlock Bark,	24 24	
2 cows and 3 calves,	75 00	
Premium on Oxen,	2 00	
		$706 78

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By paid for grain,	$134 67	
Repairs and smith work,	10 67	
Phosphate,	29 75	
Supplies for farm and house,	406 21	
Cash paid to town treasurer,	125 48	
		$706 78

J. H. Darby, *Superintendent.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STEPHEN HINKLEY, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Gorham.

		DR.
To cash in my hands at settlement, 1890,		$ 19 50
" received from sundries, viz:		
From State Treasurer, school funds for 1889,	$1,567 67	
State Treasurer, account Free High Schools,	250 00	
State Treasurer, Railroad and Telegraph tax for 1890,	93 12	
State Treasurer, State Pensions,	420 00	
State Treasurer for diseased horse killed,	28 00	
Town of Windham, account poor,	324 82	
Town of Falmouth " "	13 00	
Town of Harpswell, " "	73 00	
Town of Westbrook, " "	52 00	
Town of Standish, " "	5 01	
Town of Buxton, " "	130 00	
City of Calais, " "	78 38	
James H. Darby, Supt. town farm balance in his hands at settlement with the Selectmen,	125 48	
Geo. A. Allen, for old road machine,	12 00	
School district No. 1, to balance their account with the town,	120 14	
School district No. 10, balance special tax,	39 41	
Tax deeds redeemed,	39 74	
Interest on tax deeds,	4 72	

From Tax deeds,	3 13	
Tuitions, Free High Schools, District No. 1,	33 20	
Tuitions, Free High Schools, district No. 9,	5 00	
Tuitions, Free High Schools, district No. 16,	10 50	
Peddlers' Licenses,	16 00	
		$3,444 22
To Cash received from taxes, viz:		
From non-resident taxes for 1889,	$ 520 93	
Walter C. Clement, account '89 tax,	7,677 30	
Gardner M. Parker, account '90 tax,	6,253 75	
		$14,451 98
		$17,915 70

Cr.

By cash paid, viz:		
Orders for support Common Schools,	$4,358 88	
" " Free High Schools,	1,228 50	
" " Roads,	5,235 07	
" " Bridges,	1,066 27	
" " Poor,	1,464 29	
" " Contingent expenses,	588 46	
" " Money voted,	1,226 34	
" " Text Books,	623 79	
" " Abatements,	150 02	
Normal School Loan, Notes Nos. 21 and 22,	1,000 00	
Interest on Normal School Loan,	275 00	
Interest on Town Orders,	258 59	
State Pensions,	420 00	
Crow Bounties,	18 30	
	$17,913 51	
Cash in my hands,	2 19	
		$17,915 70

The amount of orders drawn during the year and which are now outstanding, is $2,061.68. These with others outstanding at the beginning of the year, make a total of $4,527.68 now on interest. An amount sufficient to pay the interest on these orders should be raised at the coming annual meeting.

The Treasurer suggests that the Assessors be instructed to commit the taxes into the hands of the Collector, on or before the 15th day of June, each year, and that said taxes shall be payable in one year from the date of commitment, after which time interest shall be collected upon taxes remaining unpaid: also that a discount of — per cent be allowed on all taxes paid to the collector on or before the 15th day of September next following the commitment of said taxes.

STEPHEN HINKLEY, *Treasurer.*

GORHAM, Feb. 23, 1891.

Examined and found correct,

FREDERICK D. SCAMMAN,
CHARLES E. JORDAN,
E. H. F. SMITH,
} *Selectmen of Gorham.*

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM FOR TAE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 1891.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Balance due School Districts,	$ 897 59	
" " Free High Schools,	205 02	
Normal School loan,	5,000 00	
Interest on same to March 1, 1891,	41 67	
Due Municipal Officers—estimated,	1,000 00	
Outstanding bills, including snow bills, and other highway bills—estimated,	800 00	
Outstanding orders,	4,527 68	
Due on State Tax of 1890,	2,754 24	
Due on County Tax of 1890,	666 80	
Huston Fund Note,	3,889 75	
		$19,782 75

RESOURCES.

Due from W. C. Clement, Col. on Town Tax, 1889,	$4,802 63	
Due from G. M. Parker, Col. on State Tax, 1890,	2,754 24	
" " " " County Tax, 1890,	666 80	
" " " " Town Tax, 1890,	8,541 39	
Due on account of Tax Deeds,	56 43	
Due from State, School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,591 85	
Due from State for diseased horses killed by order of Selectmen,	24 00	
Due from State for Crow bounties,	18 30	
Due from Town of Windham, for support of poor,	6 00	
Huston farm and buildings thereon,	6,000 00	
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,	2 19	
	$24,463 83	
Balance of Resources,		4,681 08
		$24,463 83

Balance of Resources, February 22, 1890,	$5,414 72
Balance of Resources, February 21, 1891,	4,681 08
Decrease of Resources,	$ 733 64

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. WATERMAN, *Finance Committee.*

GORHAM, Feb. 23, 1891.

Having examined the books and accounts of the town for the year ending February 21st, 1891, I find the payments properly vouched, the books and accounts correctly kept and accurately balanced, and for further details would refer to the foregoing reports of your Selectmen, Treasurer and Finance Committee.

F. A. RIDLON, *Auditor.*

GORHAM, February 23rd, 1891.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gorham:

In bringing to a close another school year, your committee present the following report, trusting that you may find therein a basis of satisfaction for the present, and an incentive to renewed effort for the further advancement of all that pertains to our school system. We do not presume to claim that the past year has been entirely satisfactory, but we do feel that honest efforts have been put forth for the good of our schools.

The fact that the number of our school districts still remains greater than the number of scholars demands, as well as too great for the funds to afford schools of satisfactory length and merit, is the first point to present itself in any consideration of our schools. As a partial remedy, the school in District No. 14 has been suspended by the Selectmen and School Committee, acting in conformity with Section 1, of the school laws, and the money due the district was divided between the adjoining districts Nos. 4 and 6, which were required to receive the scholars of District No. 14.

As the inhabitants of District No. 7 have lately signified their willingness that their school should be united with that of District No. 16, the school board has also suspended the school of District No. 7, and directed that the money belonging to its scholars shall be expended for their benefit in District No. 16. It is believed that this will be a mutual advantage, as the additional money will relieve District No. 16, which now finds its apportionment hardly sufficient for its necessities and the scholars of District No 7, will receive the benefit of the graded school and longer school year of District No. 16. Even if the increased distance should prevent the attendance of some scholars in inclement weather, they will doubtless be able to be present more days than the entire length of any school ever enjoyed in their own district.

It is evident that the village district with its graded school and

longer school year has to a certain extent absorbed the scholars of the adjoining districts. This is a result which would naturally follow from the opening of the village school to the whole town during the Free High School terms. The town's setting off individuals from other districts to District No. 1, has also tended toward the same result. While the village school is constantly taking the scholars from a larger area, the school-houses of the surrounding districts remain fixed, though they are sometimes upon the very border of their district. Some scholars walk directly past their own school house to attend the school of another district. These points seem to indicate that the whole question of the number and location of school houses needs the careful and unprejudiced attention of all our citizens. This is a work which would be attended by many obstacles and which no one would choose to undertake, save from a realization of its imperative necessity.

The High and Grammar school in District No. 1, has been fortunate in the retention of the successful teachers of the former year. Mr. Woodman has grown still more into the hearts of his scholars and is universally esteemed by pupils and parents. Miss Alden has added another to the long list of successful years of teaching which she has given to the schools of this town. Our school is much indebted to her pains-taking efforts. In January the Primary school suffered a loss in the sudden withdrawal of Miss Mary H. Knight. While all rejoiced with Miss Knight in her securing a more desirable. as well as more lucrative position, we could not help a feeling of regret at the loss of a tried and tested teacher, who was ever found faithful to every trust. The agent engaged Miss Nellie C. Parker to complete the term. A first visit to her school seems to give indications of her success.

At the annual school meeting, the Hon. J. A. Waterman, tendered the district a suitable flag, which was enthusiastically received. After some delay in the preparation of the staff, the flag was unfurled on a beautiful afternoon and several of our citizens made the occasion interesting by appropriate addresses.

On May-day, the scholars gave a very enjoyable and successful entertainment in Ridlon's Hall. A considerable sum of money was secured and subsequently expended for music books, thereby relieving the town of expense to that amount.

The graduation of the class of '90 took place on Friday, June 27th, in the Congregational Church. The exercises were universally admitted to be highly creditable to both scholars and teachers and an honor to the town. The following are the names of those who composed the class: —

Lilla Briant,
Mabel F. Drown,
Howard Hamblen,
Sadie M. Hamblen,
Lorinda C. Libby,
Aaron B. McKenney,
Sumner B. Marshall,
Hattie C. Roberts,
Lester C. Roberts,
Kezzie H. Sturgis,
William S. Townsend,
Susie G. Way.

The most pressing need of this school seems to be, as has been said in a former report, the entire separation of the High and Grammer schools and the extension, by another year, of the course of study of the latter school. We are confirmed in our opinion of the expediency of this change by the last report of the town of Deering which says: "This new (High School) class has made unusual progress in the studies of the first two terms, thus showing the advantage of the extended course in the Grammar grade." This is just what might be anticipated and what is needed, for now our scholars come to the High School without possessing the necessary preparation to enable them to pursue successfully the studies there. If the scholars of our Primary school could be united with those of the same grade now attending the Model schools, the number would not be too great for two teachers to successfully instruct and the money now devoted to the Primary school might be expended for a separate Grammar school, with an extended course of instruction. An act was passed by the last legislature, to make possible a closer union of the Model and Town schools and it is hoped that, in this or some other way, relief may be obtained for the Grammar grade.*

By reference to the financial report of the district, it will be seen that the agent has made a change in the manner of keeping the school accounts. By turning over to the Town Treasurer all the money received for tuition and having all the expenses paid by town orders, the town account is made to show all the expense of the school. This is a change in the right direction and enables any one to ascertain the financial condition of the district, without the trouble and inconvenience of referring to two accounts.

Early in the year the school in District No. 16 was divided and graded and the two schools placed in separate rooms. This devolved much work upon the member of the committee having it in charge, but it has been found a change highly beneficial to the scholars. In carrying out this work, the first books purchased for the town were Geographies placed in the district considerably earlier than the date fixed for the law to take

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* *An Act to give additional powers to School District No. One of the Town of Gorham.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SEC. 1. The legal voters in district number one in the town of Gorham, in the county of Cumberland, may by a majority vote at any legally called meeting, transfer a portion of the scholars in said district to the model schools connected with the normal school located in said district, said scholars so transferred to be under the regulations of said model schools, as to books, course of study, and all school relations.

SEC. 2. Said district may appropriate a portion of its school money for the cost of educating the scholars so transferred.

SEC. 3. Such model school shall make due report to the superintending school committee of Gorham aforesaid, of all facts demanded in the blanks assigned by the aforesaid committee to other schools in the town.

SEC. 4. This act shall take affect when approved.

effect. It is believed that the combined effort of teachers, scholars, agent, and committee has resulted in a marked improvement in this school.

One of the pleasantest events of the year was the unfurling of the flag presented to this district by Ex-Gov. Robie, his second generous contribution since the erection of the new school house. The exercises were highly interesting and the occasion was marked by a most delightful feeling of harmony between the different parts of the town. The banquet which followed was one long to be remembered, and reflected great credit upon the ladies of the district.

Thus two of our districts have been furnished with flags by the generosity of our citizens, and it is believed they will be found constant reminders of the duties and privileges of citizenship and earnest incentives to a proper preparation for the same. May this prove true.

The introduction of the free text book system has entailed much labor upon the committee. That the books purchased for the town might be satisfactory not only for the present but for the five years for which they are adopted, it has been necessary to carefully examine every grade of books used in our schools. We were visited by the agents of the different publishing houses almost constantly up to the first of August After long consideration and the examination of a large number of different series, we made a selection which we trust may meet the approval of the town. In replacing the long worn-out Lippincott Readers, we introduced the New Franklin, Harpers' and New Lippincott Readers. By having this variety, when one series becomes stale and wearisome in a school, a new interest can be excited by exchanging the books of schools using different series. The Greenleaf Arithmetics were retained in the schools and Butler's Geographies were purchased. No technical grammars were procured but Metcalf & Bright's "Language Exercises" was selected as a most helpful book for securing a practical knowledge of the use of English. The lower grades of the Little Falls school have also been supplied with the Knox-Heath "Elementary Lessons in English." The number of these books is: Readers. 582; Arithmetics. 100; Geographies, 265; Language, 136. There have also been purchased for the schools, 5 Plane Geometry and 32 Academic Algebra, 22 Meservey's Book-keeping, 20 Shaler's Geology, 20 Gage's "Introduction to Physical Science," 28 Mowry's "Studies in Civil Government," 14 Packard's Zoology, 42 Hutchinson's Physiology, 20 Swinton's "Outlines of General History." 50 Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, and 50 Harrington's Spelling-book. In making these selections, the intention has been to secure those books best adapted to our needs and it is believed that the results have been satisfactory. No classical books of any kind have been purchased. The money expended has been somewhat in excess of the appropriation but more has been accomplished than at first seemed possible with that amount. Of course no one supposed that the appropriation of last year would fully supply the schools with books, and there is need of an equal amount for the coming year. The

schools need to be supplied with grammars, elementary physiologies, histories, and spelling books. The number of books of almost every kind will also need to be increased. This is especially true with arithmetics. A large proportion of the scholars now use their own and there will be a steady demand for the younger scholars till all be supplied. It is believed that scholars have been disposed to use carefully the books intrusted to them. Of course, however, there will be much wear upon books especially in the lower grades. The agents in some districts have been somewhat slow in providing suitable closets for the storage and protection of books. It is hoped that this will be soon remedied.

The truant officer, Mr. Howard Swett, has found considerable work to do the past year, and we are very glad to note that his faithful performance of duty has secured the regular attendance of some who have been noted for truancy.

In conclusion we commend our schools to your fostering care, believing that they are the only bulwarks of our free institutions, and recommend for the coming year the same appropriations as last year, three thousand five hundred dollars for common schools, one thousand dollars for free high schools, and, as before stated, five hundred dollars for text books.

The usual tables of statistics are appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. MCKENNY,
H. C. PALMER,
GEO. R. SPINNEY,
Superintending School Committee.

GORHAM, February 21st, 1891.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Number of scholars per census. April, 1, 1890,	852
" " School Districts,	18
" " Districts supporting graded schools,	2
" " " " ungraded schools,	15
" " " suspended,	1
District having greatest number days of school,	No. 9, 190 days
" " least " " "	Nos. 7 and 15, 90 days
Average number days school for each district,	126
" length Spring and Summer schools in days,	58.6
" " Fall and Winter " "	73.1
Number of terms taught during year,	58
" " " by male teachers,	13
" " " by female teachers, excluding assistants in in Districts Nos. 1, 9 16 and 18,	45
Number different male teachers employed during year,	7
" " female " " " "	31
" male teachers employed in Summer schools,	2
" female " " in Fall and Winter schools,	24

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Balance due School Districts, Feb. 22, 1891,	$1,413 60	
Orders drawn to April 1, 1891,	1,349 76	
Balance due School Districts, April 1, 1891,	$ 63 84	
Amount raised by Town for Common Schools,	3,500 00	
" rec'd from State Mill Tax and School Fund,	1,591 85	
" rec'd special tax, District No. 1,	120 14	
" " " " " " 10,	39 41	
		$5,315 24
Amount orders for support of schools since April 1, 1891,		4,417 65
Balance due School Districts, Feb. 21, 1891,		$897 59

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Balance unexpended, April 1, 1891,	$134 82	
Amount raised by Town for Free High Schools,	1,000 00	
" received from State for Free High Schools,	250 00	
" " " tuition,	48 70	
		1,433 52
Amount paid for teaching, District No, 1,	$699 50	
" " " " " 9,	276 00	
" " " " " 16,	253 00	
		1,228 50
Balance unexpended, Feb. 21, 1891,		$205 02

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount orders drawn for books,	$623 79
Amount appropriated by town,	500 00
Amount overdrawn,	$123 79

Tabular Statistics of the Schools in Gorham for the year ending Feb 21, 1891.

Name of District.	Number.	Agent.	No. of Scholars per Census.	Teachers.	Spring. No. Regis.	Spring. Av'age No.	Spring. No. Days.	Sum'r. No. Regis.	Sum'r. Av'age No.	Sum'r. No. Days.	Fall. No. Regis.	Fall. Av'age No.	Fall. No Days.	Wint'r. No. Regis.	Wint'r. Av'age No.	Wint'r. No. Days	†Pay of Teachers.	Number days school in year.
Village.....	1	O'Neil W. R. Straw,.	237	Willard W. Woodman....	104	98	50	90	84	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	80 00	175
.....	..	.....	....	" "	....	....	....	....	....	....	95	86	55	81	73	40	90 00	.....
.....	..	.....	....	Mary E. Alden, Ass't, ...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10 00	.....
.....	..	.....	....	Chas. K. Hinkley, Music..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8 00	.....
Primary ...	..	.....	....	Mary H. Knight.....	34	31	50	33	31	30	31	26	55	32	20	16	10 00	171
.....	..	.....	....	Nellie C. Parker..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	17	20	8 00	.....
Model.....	..	.....	....	Jennie M. Colby	31	29	46	35	32	46	44	38	43	43	38	47	.....	182
Schools.....	..	.....	....	Flora Barton .,.....	24	18	46	29	26	46	33	28	43	26	17	43	.....	178
Flagg Mead.	2	Geo. E. Bartlett.....	19	Nettie M. Bartlett.....	....	....	....	9	8	50	9	8	50	....	....	....	5 00	100
Fort Hill....	3	A. L. Hamblen.....	29	Emma A. Files	9	6	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6 00	118
.....	..	.....	....	Sadie M. Hamblen.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	4	20	....	....	....	5 50	.....
.....	..	.....	....	Chas. H. Johnson.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	4.5	58	25 00	.....
Fogg.....	4	Wm. E. Strout.....	46	M. Lena Thomes.....	....	....	....	16	13	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	6 00	175
.....	..	.....	....	Anna E. Wheeler.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	13	50	....	....	....	6 00	.....
.....	..	.....	....	Maria C. Hamblen	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	*15	75	8 00	.....
W. Gorham..	5	George M. Thompson	57	Martha B. C. Rolfe.....	....	....	....	25	18	48	28	22	39	....	....	....	8 00	147
.....	..	.....	....	Melville Johnson	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	*26	60	32 00	.....
Smith.....	6	Lewis H. Lowell.....	21	Maria C. Hamblen.....	....	....	....	22	20	50	20	17	60	....	....	....	8 00	110
Horton	7	Stephen B Anderson.	17	Frances L. Stone.....	....	....	....	11	8	40	11	9	50	....	....	....	6 00	90
Blake.....	8	Edward K. Douglass.	44	Clara E. Libby	....	....	....	25	18	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	7 20	130
.....	..	.....	...	Nellie E. Boothby.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	16	35	....	....	....	7 70	.....
.....	..	.....	....	Frank M. Bennett.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	17	55	48 80	.....

White Rock.	9	Elbridge Wilson,	51	Maud M. Brackett				30	23	55							8	00	190
				Asa F. Abbott							53	46	60				60	00	
				Ella F. Johnson, Asst													8	00	
				Asa F Abbott										31	26	75	54	00	
Winship	10	Charles F. Morton,	30	Jennie E. Phinney				20	17	60							8	00	105
				Annie J. Summersides										19	14	45	8	00	
Whitney	11	Howard Cotton,	18	Lillian S. Smith				9	8	40							5	00	100
				Helen L. Cotton										10	8	60	6	00	
So. Gorham	12	Henry D. Libby,	28	Grace L. Brackett							16	13	50				6	00	130
				Hattie B. Dresser										19	15	80	6	75	
Wescott	13	James L. Haynes	29	Abbie D. Cartland				14	12	45							7	00	100
				Abbie D. Cartland										20	15	55	9	00	
Allen	14	Geo. A. Allen	13	School suspended															
Nason	15	Eben Manchester	21	Luetta Higgins				11	9	40							6	00	90
				Luetta Higgins										10	8	50	7	25	
Little Falls	16	Melville C. Johnson	99	Asa F. Abbott				41	39	55							60	00	155
				Ella F. Johnson, Asst													8	00	
				Simon M. Hamlin							27	23	50	27	25	50	55	00	
Primary				Edith N. Rowe				26	24	40							7	50	140
				Lillian G. Pennell							31	26	50				7	50	
				Ella F. Johnson										31	23	50	7	50	
Mosher	17	Harry Mosher	26	Hannah F. Stone				10	8	40							6	00	100
				Hannah F. Stone										13	9	60	8	00	
Great Falls	18	Carl W. Shaw	67	Ella F. Moses				45	35	40							7	00	
				Ella F. Moses							40	33	40				10	00	
				Frank E. Hanscom										48	46	50	62	00	
				Polly Parker, Asst													4	00	

* Estimated. † Wages of male teachers reckoned by the month; that of female teachers by the week.

The Spring and Fall terms in High and Grammar grade in District No. 1, the Spring term of the same grade in District No. 16, and the Fall term in District No. 9 were terms of Free High School.

Fiscal Report of the School Districts in Gorham, for the year ending Feb. 21, 1891.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

District No.	Bal. unexp'd Feb. 22, 1890.	Am't overdr'wn Feb. 22, 1890.	Orders drawn for bills contracted betore April 1, 1890.	Bal. unexp'd April 1, 1890.	Am't overdrawn April 1, 1890.	Amount Apportioned at $5.80 per scholar.	Amount Appropriated.	Tax.	Am't transfered from other Districts.	Am't transfered to other Districts.	Tuition,	Resources for Fiscal Year from April 1, 1890.	Orders drawn since April 1, 1890.	Balance unexpended Feb 21, 1891.	Amount overdrawn Feb. 21, 1891.	Estimated Amt. due for teaching Winter schools.
1	.....	.....	381 78	.....	381 78	1,374 60	.....	120 14	11 60	.....	.....	1,124 56	1,124 56	.....	.....	.....
2	43 61	.....	.....	43 61	.....	110 20	11 60	.....	.....	11 60	.....	153 81	100 50	53 31	.....	.....
3	137 71	.....	109 75	27 96	.....	168 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	196 16	201 25	.....	5 09	.....
4	162 26	.....	105 00	57 26	.....	266 80	.....	.....	29 00	.....	.....	353 06	184 66	168 40	.....	120 00
5	7 44	.....	.....	7 44	.....	330 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	338 04	204 18	133 86	.....	96 00
6	10 55	.....	.....	10 55	.....	121 80	27 00	.....	46 40	.....	.....	205 75	182 70	23 05	.....	.....
7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 60	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	118 60	109 85	8 75	.....	.....
8	52 22	.....	.....	52 22	.....	255 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	307 42	297 75	9 67	.....	.....
9	179 44	.....	120 00	59 44	.....	295 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	355 24	127 40	227 84	.....	202 50
10	.....	10 07	2 00	.....	12 07	179 00	27 00	39 41	.....	.....	.....	228 34	233 20	.....	4 86	.....
11	.....	9 36	.....	.....	9 36	104 40	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	115 04	115 00	04	.....	.....
12	9 76	.....	5 40	4 36	.....	162 40	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	176 76	175 55	1 21	.....	.....
13	19 85	.....	.....	19 85	.....	168 20	11 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	199 45	205 70	.....	6 25	.....
14	24 42	.....	.....	24 42	.....	75 40	.....	.....	.....	75 40	.....	24 42	.....	24 42	.....	.....
15	2 44	.....	.....	2 44	.....	121 80	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	134 24	154 93	.....	20 69	.....
16	350 94	.....	337 07	13 87	.....	574 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	588 07	598 58	.....	10 51	.....
17	120 71	.....	119 20	1 51	.....	150 80	13 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 56	144 00	21 56	.....	.....
18	311 68	.....	169 56	142 12	.....	388 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	530 72	257 84	272 88	.....	195 00
	1,433 03	19 43	1,349 76	467 05	403 21	4,941 60	150 25	159 55	87 00	87 00	.....	5,315 24	4,417 65	944 99	47 40	.....

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

1	82 62	.....	.....	82 62	.....	750 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 20	865 82	699 50	166 32	.....	.....
5	17 00	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	17 00	.....	.....
9	24 45	.....	.....	24 45	.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	279 45	276 00	3 45	.....	.....
16	10 75	.....	.....	10 75	.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 50	271 25	253 00	18 25	.....	.....
	134 82	.....	.....	134 82	.....	1,250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 70	1,433 52	1,228 50	205 02	.....	.....